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Filed: August 18, 2000) Examiner: Manucher Rahmjoo
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For: IMAGE PROCESSING DEVICE, IMAGE)
PROCESSING SYSTEM, OUTPUT DEVICE,)
COMPUTER READABLE RECORDING MEDIUM)
AND IMAGE PROCESSING METHOD)

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RESPONSE TO ELECTION/RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

In response to the restriction requirement set forth in the Office Action mailed July 23, 2004, the Examiner required restriction under 35 U.S.C. § 121 between claims of Species I (Figures 1-7), Species II (Figures 8-12), Species III (Figures 13-17) and Species IV (Figures 18-25). Applicants hereby elect without traverse the invention defined by the Examiner as Species I (Figures 1-7), claims 1-3, 6-9, 16-18 and 21-23.

Applicants respectfully request formal examination of this application.

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37 C.F.R. § 136 not accounted for above, such extension is requested and the fee should also be charged to our Deposit Account.

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